

**DECISION RECORD
and
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Forest Oil Corporation**

- I. Decision:
It is my decision to approve an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) to the Forest Oil Corporation for a natural gas production well, the West Foreland #2, located in Section 21, T. 8 N., R. 14 W., Seward Meridian. The Environmental Assessment (EA) analysis indicates no unacceptable impacts. The Application for Permit to Drill (APD) a natural gas well is in accordance with the lease terms and federal regulations.
- II. Rationale for the Decision:
Salamatof and Cook Inlet Regional, Inc. (CIRI) have approved the well construction, and the EA analysis indicates no unacceptable impacts associated with the installation of the well. The West Foreland #2 (WF #2) well is remotely located. The use of this gas well to maximize oil and gas production at the West McArthur River Unit (WMRU) is in the local, public and national interest. Continued development of the WMRU field is necessary to effectively and efficiently maximize recovery of the proven hydrocarbon reserves. Continued domestic production decreases the dependency of the United States on imported fuels. Further development will ensure a continued heating, electrical and fuel source for much of Alaska. Gas reserve recovery from the WF #2 well can be accomplished with minimal environmental impact.
- III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):
Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.
- IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:
No significant restrictions of subsistence uses under Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act have been identified for the Proposed Action. No Federal surface is involved. The surface is owned by Salamatof and private Native allotment owners. The divided mineral estate is owned by CIRI (94.2%) and the United States (5.8%) and administered under the 1920 Mineral Leasing Act by the United States.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

/s/ Clinton E. Hanson, Acting
Anchorage Field Manager

08-27-04
Date